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partial area of the surface, [the] an edge of the at least one partial area defining a desired contour, and a tool track located within the desired contour being determined from the desired contour and a predetermined desired depth determining [the] a penetration depth of the engraving tool, [an] the engraving tool being controlled along said track such that [the] a material of [the] a partial area is removed within the desired contour at the predetermined desired depth.

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6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, characterized in that the material is removed along the tool track within the desired contour by a single working traverse of the [graver] engraving tool.

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10. (Amended) The method of claim 7, characterized in that the unengraved residual area is removed such that a new surface of defined roughness arises at [the] a base of [the] an engraving resulting from removal of the unengraved residual area.

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12. (Amended) The method of claim 1, characterized in that at least part of the [surface] partial area from which material is removed at a predetermined depth is deepened further in [one or more] at least one further engraving [steps] step.

13. (Amended) The method of claim 12, characterized in that the [one or more] at least one further engraving [steps produce] step produces humanly recognizable or machine-readable information.

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21. (Amended) The method of claim 12, characterized in that the at least one further engraving step is executed with a finer engraving tool than the engraving [in the first engraving step] tool used to remove said partial area within the desired contour.

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24. (Amended) An embossing or intaglio printing plate having a surface with at least one engraved depression in the form of a line, said depression [brought into the surface by engraving and] having flanks, [and] a bottom, and a substructure engraved into said depression, a width of said substructure being smaller than a width of the depression, characterized in that the

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[depression has a] substructure [whose width is smaller than that of the depression on the surface of the object] is meander-shaped or extends at least in partial areas parallel to a direction of said line.

25. (Amended) The [object] embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim [23] 24, characterized in that the substructure is present on the bottom [and/or] of the depression, on at least one of the flanks of the depression, or on both the bottom and the at least one of the flanks of the depression.

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28. (Amended) The [object] embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim [23] 24, characterized in that the substructure defines a roughness.

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29. (Amended) The [engraved object] embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim [23] 24, characterized in that the substructure is incorporated in the form of characters, pictures, or patterns [[or the like].

30. (Amended) The [engraved object] embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim [23] 24, characterized in that the substructure represents machine-readable information.

31. (Amended) The [engraved object] embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim [23] 24, characterized in that the substructure is executed in the form of grooves.

32. (Amended) The [engraved object] embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim [23] 24, characterized in that the substructure is brought in with the aid of a laser beam.

33. (Amended) The [engraved object] embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim [23] 24, characterized in that the substructure is brought in with a mechanical chisel.

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34. (Amended) [Use of] A method, comprising the step of using the [engraved object] embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim [23] 24[, for producing] as an original on which production of additional embossing or intaglio printing plates is based. not shown, not invention, is prior art, p. 1 TP1

35. (Amended) [Use of] A method, comprising the step of using the [engraved object] embossing or intaglio printing plate of claim [23] 24[, for producing documents of value [such as] including papers of value, bank notes, or ID cards [and the like].

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Please add new claim 36, as follows:

-36. (New) The method of claim 1, characterized in that the embossing plate is a steel intaglio printing plate.-.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the abstract, as follows:

Line 1, change "A" to -In a-; delete "is described";

line 2, change "plates. A" to -plates, a-.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following heading:

-BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION-;

before line 1 and after the aforementioned addition, insert the following heading:

-1. Field of the Invention-;

line 2, delete ", according to the preamble of claim 1";

between lines 2 and 3, insert the following heading:

-2. Description of Related Art-.

Page 2, between lines 2 and 3, insert the heading:

-SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION-;